IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES,

April 6, 1830.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Chase made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Ezekiel Woodworth, report:

That the said Woodworth served as a soldier in the war of the Revolution, on the continental establishment, for the term of three years, viz: from the 10th of February, 1777, to 10th of February, 1780, when he was honorably discharged. He was placed on the pension list 26th September, 1818, and was paid to the 4th March, 1820, when he was stricken from the list of pensioners for not exhibiting a schedule of property. In 1824, the said Woodworth conveyed to his son Lewis about fifty acres of his farm, valued at about $400, his son being then twenty one years of age; and reserved for the support of himself and wife, and a son, then a minor, the residue of his farm, of the value of $500, and his personal property. In 1826, the petitioner became an endorser for a friend and old acquaintance, who was, at that time, supposed to be in good circumstances. But, in the year 1827, the person for whom the petitioner was bound, died, and his estate was insolvent, and the petitioner had the debt to pay; in doing which, he was stripped of all his property, and reduced to a state of poverty and dependence. In 1829, the petitioner being 71 years of age, and, by reason of blindness, unable to labor, and having a wife aged 70 years, applied to the Department of War for a renewal of his pension, stating the facts beforementioned, and proving the same to be true, also alleging that, by reason of his reduced circumstances, he stood in need of the assistance of his country for support.

The committee further report, that the decision on the aforesaid application of the petitioner to the War Department was, that, "as the conveyance of his land, and the consequent diminution of the means of support, was not the result of necessity, his case was not such as to bring him within the provisions of the act of May 1, 1820. The pension could not therefore be restored."

The committee are of opinion that the petitioner is entitled to the relief asked for, and therefore report the accompanying bill.